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Foundations of Writing

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                                                Student Major Selection

**Problem**

            Many students go to college to further their education and earn a degree for the job they want in the future, but are the majors students choose because that is what they love to do or is it because it is a good field to go into?  A theory that I have made is that many students are initially drawn to the major that includes things they enjoy doing but several outside influences may sway them from their original choice or influence them to choose another major. For my research I will be using *The Selection of a Sport Management Major: Factors Influencing Student Choice from a Consumer-Oriented Perspective*, *College Major Choice in STEM: Revisiting Confidence and Demographic Factors,* and *An Examination of Factors Influencing Students Selection of Business Majors Using TRA Framework.* Then I will be using data I have collected from interviews to substantiate my research.

**Background**

Business, management, and science majors are some of the most common college majors that students choose and are some of the largest majors in terms of students and opportunities they give students. Having a degree in one of these disciplines almost guarantees that students will have an opportunity available to them in the job market. The reason for this is for the demand of jobs that students with a management, business, or science degree have is high because of the constant change in the economy and the constant need for medical or scientific professionals.

**Method**

            To answer my questions and follow up on the background information I found I decided to look more in depth at the most common academic majors in America and what the benefits were to choosing them. I also used some of the knowledge I have gained through my interviews to

**Findings**

        Through some of my early research I have found that students tend to choose majors that are connected to jobs in an open market, and that they will be able to use in any field. I also found that studies have shown that students tend to choose majors that have a higher social image or looks better. Another factor that I found was that there are various gender differences between certain majors and that many students choose to start college undecided.

**Conclusion**

Based on the data I have collected, there are many factors that go into college students deciding to choose certain majors. Students have many different reasons and factors that go into their choice as a major. Family, counselors, job availability, and the ability to use their degree in a variety of ways depending on the broadness of the major are all very important reasons that had a strong impact on why I selected my major and they are some of the many reasons why many college students across the country choose theirs.